

REMARKS

Applicant's undersigned attorney would like to thank the Examiner for taking the time to discuss the application, and more specifically for discussing the foregoing amendments to the claims. In the present amendment, the claims have been amended to the form that the Examiner indicated would place the application in a condition for allowance.

In the amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim 29, and claim 29 has been cancelled. Further, claims 31-46 have been cancelled, and will be pursued in a divisional application. The status of previously withdrawn claims 14-28 has been changed, as these claims depend from allowable claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment does not raise any new issues requiring further search or consideration by the Examiner. Therefore, and as discussed previously with the Examiner, the present amendment should be entered and the present application passed to issuance.

Amended claim 1 includes the feature of the 'tongue lock' and specifies that actuation of the tongue lock to release the tongue precedes operation of the actuator to move the tongue. As acknowledged during our telephone conversation, including these further features of the invention in claim 1 overcomes the rejections based upon the Simjian patent.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is

invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. HON-15052.

Respectfully submitted,

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